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### **Park Releases Environmental Assessment to Conduct Administrative Helicopter, Fixed-Wing Flights in 2003**

*Public comments due June 6*

WEST GLACIER, MONT. – During the 2003 season, Glacier National Park managers propose conducting approximately 72 helicopter flights and 40 fixed-wing flights to remove waste from Granite Park Chalet and patrol cabin, deliver supplies for rehabilitation of Porcupine Lookout, perform maintenance on radio towers, and conduct research and monitoring of threatened wildlife species and species of concern.

“During the course of a year, the National Park Service (NPS) uses helicopter and fixed-wing flights to deliver supplies and equipment to project sites and to perform maintenance of radio towers in the backcountry,” explained Mick Holm, park superintendent. He added, “Normally the number of flights averages around 50, which the NPS has determined to not cause a measurable effect to wildlife and visitors.”

Holm further noted, “For 2003, approximately 112 flights are proposed. The effects of this number of flights is of concern, thus this environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared.” The consequences of these flights on natural soundscapes, park operations, threatened and endangered species and species of concern, vegetation, visitor experience, and wildlife are analyzed in this assessment.

A copy of the EA can be found on the park’s web site at [www.nps.gov/glac/plans.htm](http://www.nps.gov/glac/plans.htm). Comments may be submitted electronically to: [glac\\_public\\_comments@nps.gov](mailto:glac_public_comments@nps.gov), or written comments may be mailed to Glacier National Park, Attn: Flight EA, West Glacier, Montana 59936.

The 30-day public comment period ends Friday, June 6, 2003.

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